## THE GRIP OF EVIL By LOUIS TRACY

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#### Cast of Characters

JOHN BURTON, now tenth marquis of Castleton and a multimillion-aire, formerly a petty foreman for the Plainfield Steel Works. JOSEPH LAWRENCE DRAKE, alias

GERTRUDE, dancing girl at Pro-fessor Moretti's, to whom Drake was engaged before his fall from

PROFESSOR MORETTI, dancing teacher, who preys on his rich pupils. WALL-EYED BILL, ex-convict, who "did time" with Drake.

ECOND EPISODE.

First Day.

"THE UNDER-WORLD,"

"The Weakling."

The tenth Marquis of Castleton found the transition from the grime of the Plainfield Steel works and the squalor house to the ordered magnificence and trim beauty of an English aristocrat's surroundings a good deal more trying than he expected. Granted good health able whether poverty is not a far hapman or woman. At any rate once the the newly fledged marquis found himmonious state in which he was com

Life in a big London hotel used to be patronized so extensively by Americans before the war that their methods and ways had been almost dinary visitors with army officers and the through." their relatives, the atmosphere of the "All right," said John, turning his permitting, there was always the in- signs of reviving. inite variety of old London to fill the daylight hours, while scores of theaters thy

At first he gave the matter little heed. The midnight noises of a still house are curious and often inexplia mainscot—these and many other quite normal agencies will attract the wakeful ear. John, however, could not comain under a delusion when he distinctly heard a window raised stealth—traised his voice and said if I allow. ping of a fiber in a piece of dry furniquite normal agencies will attract the

would-be thief well knew what was happening, the outraged owner of the cidentally, the marauder had received such a blow on the faw that he was Thereupon, John picked him up. first runing his hands lightly over the man's clothes to make sure he was carrying a revolver. Then he carried the burglar into the library, put switched on the light. Without further ado, he went to the telephone and called for the police station.

"Busy," said the exchange operator, "but I'll call you just as soon as they

he ate, and disapprove in unkempt. John noticed that his hands

when his lordship broke two eggs into When the man recovered his wits, a The men bent forward and hid his face in the food. With a sublime indifference to all other considerations, he stretched out trembling fingers, grab-bed a sandwich, and ate it voraciously that the American method of eating that the American method of eating boiled eggs was the right and sensible one, whereas the British system of the food. With a sublime indifference face in the forward and hid his face in the thin, nervous, delicate face in the thin described out trembling fingers, grabble as subline indifference to all other considerations, he stretched out trembling fingers, grabble data which provides such a copious face to all other considerations, he stretched out trembling fingers, grabble data which provides such a copious for the food. With a sublime indifference to all other considerations, he stretched out trembling fingers, grabble data which provides such a copious face in the thin, nervous, delicate face in the fatal weak-hard which provides such a copious face in the face in the fatal weak-hard which provides such a copious face in the face in the face in the face in the fatal weak-hard weak-hard weak-hard which provides such a copious face in the f

It must be remembered that he could devour the was only more eager to linen, with some decent crothes on not ignore either the message given devour the rest of the food on the your body, you'll feel cleaner of soulby the revivalist preacher, Branton, plate. John watched him with in- I am taking a chance, but I'll risk or the serious purpose which life seem.

action on the lines suggested by the dramatist. He entered the library, a favorite room where he could always secure a certain measure of privacy.

It was his habit, when deeply moved, to pace back and forth in front of a spacious fireplace. But the floor was richly carpeted, and his movements richly carpeted, and his movements of that when a slight raspitation.

The world is the use? Go ahead, burn. You're to you get me?"

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wakeful ear. John, however, could not remain under a delusion when he distinctly heard a window raised stealthing. I asked for time, but he sufftly switched off the light in the library, opened the door as noiselestly as possible, and crept on tiptoe across the parquet flooring of the hall. The dining-room door stood ajar. A flood of moonlight rendered the infector sufficiently visible for objects to be distinguishable with clearness. distinguishable with clearness, ances, wild plunging to get out of the what apart. John caught a sidelong view of a man furtively examining the silver on the sideboard. The raised window told the test of the story.

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inquired Burton. "What do you think?" said Drake bitterly. "Prison doesn't reform a man. It taught me to be a sure-enough criminal. A cellmate put me up to a few wrinkles, but we didn't make much show in the profession. We were let the past the very moment we meet," for its execution. him in a chair near the table and first job, and I was sent up again-this time for five years. The minister got hold of me during that time, and I "Is it?" muttered her downcast lover.

foreman looked at my hands and saw er whirled away in the dance. He went they were soft. So he turned me down out, and, to his surprise, found that times, and his servants had offers to cop didn't come along and tell me to leave sime light refreshments available at night in case he felt sicepless had when I left the cooler soon melted. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. In the discovery that Burton's companion was none other than Gertrude. The burglar's face invited scrutiny, against everybody in the world. I son who had noticed his departure in fulfill Wall-Eyed Bill's behests.

"What about Gertrude?" Drake started, and his worn face lighted with a sort of dignity "Guess I've done my worst against

back into her life, poor girl" The men bent forward and hid his and I have to talk about."

ed to have brought hand-in-hand with again. He picked up the receiver, tend to a heap of routine business great wealth and high social position, but put it back on its hook; then he which doesn't interest me. Mind you, He thought, therefore, he could deal moved closer to his prisoner and gaz.

looking building which announced | didn't you?" it said. flamboyantly to all the world that this and none other was "Professor Moretti's Dancing Academy." Nor did they "Huh! 1

turned to a pale but strikingly handsome girl who seemed to be one of his assistants. She was disengaged. Several other couples were pirouetting on the waxed floor, a fox trot being the item of the moment, but this tutoress had clearly been kept in reserve. Moretti now turned on her with a gleam of excitement in his dark, sinister-looking eyes, which, though large and brilliant, were set too closely together. "Hurry up," he said emphatically. "Rush into some pretty clothes. This fellow just coming in has money to burn. You're to be his partner, see? Do you get me?"

The girl smiled languidly. She understands is said too soon when his prison friend all too soon when his prison friend showed him a newspaper with the scare heads: "Bartender Slain in Saloon Brawl! Murderer Unknown! Makes Good His Escape!"

The black type danced before Drake's eyes. He was terrified.

"How does this concern me?" he asked.

"You!" cackled Bill. "You croaked that guy! Up to now nobody but me knows you done it, and I ain't goin' to squeal on you, Joe. You believe that, don't you?"

ly, so I helped a bit—not much, but and superficially distinguished in man-enough to reduce the size of my wad. her when he chose, received Burton as I ell you, or I'll put my self right I tried to even things up in a poker and his secretary with much unction, with the cops and you go to the chair radlied John playfully on neglect- for sure ing his lessons, and reminded him that

more her old-time flance. She saw the gladness die out of the man's eyes, to be succeeded by a dull misery and shame that went to her woman's heart.

Burton in course of time. Moving forward, with swift grace, she held out her hand.

the past the very moment we live.

she said, with well-assumed lightness.

"We are both alive, anyhow, and that is something to be thankful for."

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In its execution.

Being restless and unstrung, however, he sought Gertrude. But, on calling the property of the sought of the

"I've been out now a month. I tried had culightened him as to brake's to get a job in an office. The boss position. Smothering his annoyance, wouldn't even listen when I told him he called Gertrude, introduced her to the city, when he noticed that Burdon't even listen when I told him he called Gertrude, introduced her to the city when he noticed that Burdon't even listen when I told him he called Gertrude, introduced her to the city when he noticed that Burdon't even listen when I told him he called Gertrude, introduced her to the city when he noticed that business are constant as a companied by a woman. something of my record. I made a break at a laborer's stunt, but the a significant nudge.

I couldn't even sit in the park that a he was frankly delighted at having

other stepped deliberately in front of close with the merciless swiftness of him and greeted him effusively. Clear-ly, the secretary was startled. He ignored the outstretched hand, and tried developing. Burton's own acts pass on with a casual nod.

"Sink me, Joe, if I ain't tickled to death to find an old pal so well fixed. his kindly nature led him to take the pretty, but sad-eyed, dancing girl for you ain't goin' to try and put it over You ain't goin' to try and put it over more than one airing in his car. When away worable typhoid year, but these prospects of the prospect o

I'm glad to hear it."
He accompanied the words by a hearty slap on the back, but if the hapless pigeon which this hawk had

"What do you mean " inquired Drake

know that the professor himself, advised by phone of Burton's intended visit, was watching through a window, and evidently keenly anxlous that this particular patron should arrive.

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as I ell you, or I'll put my self right with the cops and you go to the chair Drake had to accept the lamentable

work hard, save every cent, and repay retary had merely shot a burglar, was

He knew that within the next few days his employer would withdraw he had befriended. "Joe," she whispered, "is it really from the bank a fairly large sum with you?"

"Yes, Gertrude," he said sadly. "I the country whither to retire for a fatal number, he shuddered and burst am overjoyed at seeing you, yet I want to sink into the earth."

Her feminine tact came to the rescue. The moved to the telephone and cally which to purchase a small estate in the fatal number, he shuddered and burst out solbhing, knowing full well how his and heat of the city. So, having made the wretched compact, he crushed it brought to trial. But he could hardly

promised, with God's help, to go straight. But it was hopeless. It always it.

By this time, Moretti had noticed the deeply interested talk between the two recognized it at once, of course, and was speculating as to what business had brought his employer to that part limousine.

So Drake repressed his first intent and did not signal the chauffeur. the car passed, he was astounded by pered another reason why he should

the car met him face to face.

Drake would have passed, but the life moved on now to its predestined But tributed to the denouement. On the him by the arm, and a hoarse voice from the bank, and actually set his murmured in his ear:

"Sink me, Joe, if I ain't tickled to if the amount was right; on the other,

old side-kick, are you? Come He grew to like her. When away lave a drink. There's things you from Moretti she became natural and unaffected. The forced gavety of the

danger of death unless she was sent great wealth and high social position.

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At that instant, Gertrude braced herself for a supreme effort. She tore her blouse off one shoulder, let down her hair and screamed loudly. ner hair and screamed found. Her astounded visitor had just turned on his heel when a door opened and Mo-retti ran in. Let Italian held a re-volver, and his feroclous expression seem to show that he would not scruple to use the weapon if necessary "So I've caught you, you stealer! You!" he shouted, can't get away with this sort of thing Your night's work will cost you dear."

But he had not counted on the moral or physical force of the man he meant to victimize.

John stared coolly both at him and at the wild-eved, distract-looking girl. Then he dropped his handkerchief to the floor.

He had noticed that Moretti was standing on a narrow rug, which stretched to his own feet. Stooping as 'a ough to pick up the handkerchief, John caught the corners of the rug, and tugged violently. As he foresaw, it slipped casily over the polished floor and Moretti was thrown so violently that his skull hit the floor with a force which disposed of him for the rest of the night.

Without a word to the cringing girl, Burton went out. He drove home and entered the house quietly. He was thinking of going straight to his room brought him quickly to the library.

Arrived there, he found Drake with ing dead in front of the open safe. Burton faced Drake and then the whole truth came out. Drake made a full confession. He told how he had been tempted, and had fallen; how a \$500 purchases by merchants from furious squabble had taken place when points within 150 miles of Richmond; furious squabble had taken place when Wall-eyed Bill discovered that the safe was empty, and had accused him of

Bill with the latter's gun. So the troubled philanthropist, who faced now with a double record of in-tended treachery by two people whom

He moved to the telephone and call-"Oh, don't let us begin to weep about out of sight until the time was ripe believe his own ears when he heard ne past the very moment we meet," for its execution.

Burton say at the phone:

house in the suburbs-he found that protestation of gratitude, but Burton repulsed him.
"Get out of my sight!" he growled

scornfully: "I never want to see or hear of you again." The unhappy wretch slunk out of the oom, and the man of great wealth was left alone with a corpse.

Truly, he might well ask himself: (End of Second Episode.)

TYPHOID WARNING Rains of Past Few Weeks Carry Pe Board of Health.

The rains which have been deluging Virginia in the last few weeks number of cases of typhoid fever, according to the State Board of Health. unless prompt precautions are taken by all whose water supply is in danger

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